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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REPORTED GHANAIA PETROLEUM SHORTAGE

1. MOBIL AND TEXACO HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY GOG TO SUPPLY ON URGENT BASIS CRUDE AND REFINED PRODUCTS FOR MARKETING IN GHANA. MOBIL HAS UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT GHANAIA STOCKS SOON WILL BE EXHAUSTED, AS SOVIETS HAVE SUSPENDED DELIVERIES. BRITISH PETROLEUM, WHOSE NIGERIAN CRUDE SOVIETS SUPPLY TO GOG UNDER BP-SOVIET SWAP ARRANGEMENT, HAS INFORMED MOBIL THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN OFFLIFTING BP CRUDE IN NIGERIA FOR GHANAIA MARKET, POSSIBLY DUE TO INTERRUPTION OF MID-EAST DELIVERIES UNDER THIS AND OTHER BP-SOVIET SWAP ARRANGEMENTS.

2. MOBIL SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS ABLE TO SUPPLY SOME CRUDE TO GOG IN 1967 WHEN SOVIETS SUSPENDED SHIPMENTS, COMPANY UNABLE DO SO AT THIS TIME. MOBIL FEARFUL THAT GOG
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MAY TAKE SOME ILL-CONCEIVED ACTION AGAINST ITS LOCAL

MARKETING NETWORK IN EFFORT TO FORCE MOBIL TO SUPPLY CRUDE AND REFINED PRODUCTS NOW.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT REPORT STATUS GHANAIAI STOCKS AND SOVIET DELIVERIES, AS WELL AS ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON GHANAIAI ATTEMPTS OBTAIN CRUDE DIRECTLY FROM NIGERIANS OR OTHER SUPPLIERS. KISSINGER

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